

DEVW Spring Beginning of Semester Minutes

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

HBC 301, 3:30-7:00 p.m.

Chair's report—After nibbling on some great food provided by everyone in the department, the meeting got started with our welcoming four new faculty members: Corey Greathouse, Hillary Reyes, Meredith Garcia, and Carrie Nance, who has taught for us before. Information was also shared concerning mentors, finding staff for four unstaffed classes, and deciding which Brown Bag workshops will be offered. We also changed the time for the Brown Bag workshops to 1:00-3:00 so more folks can attend. Stacey also shared with the department about a new course that was approved by the College, DEVW 0331. This course is reserved for students enrolled in WS2, but who perform at a WS3 level and pass the exit essay with a score of 18 or higher. These students will be transferred into DEVW 0331 by the campus DWAs and exit the DEVW program. On another note, faculty teaching COMP 4.0 will be eligible to teach 3 sections starting fall 2012.

Stephanie Hawley, HBs Update—Dr. Stephanie Hawley then spoke regarding legislative house bills (HBs) and basically said that changes are being considered, but none will take place immediately. Dr. Suzanne Morales-Vale, from THECB, will speak at our February 10th DEVED meeting about these changes and will field questions from faculty.

Dorado Kinney, EIP—Dorado Kinney, dean of the EVC counseling and advising, and Matt Geracie, spoke about an early intervention program (EIP) that will be piloted at the EVC campus this spring. Faculty will have a counselor or advisor assigned to his/her class, and this person will visit the class at least two times a semester and will communicate with students who faculty believe are in jeopardy of doing poorly in class or withdrawing from class. Dorado will provide training for faculty teaching at the EVC campus. If all goes well, this program will be offered at the NRG campus in the summer.

Caryn Newburger, DEVED Plan/Faculty Coach Update—Caryn gave an update on the developmental plan and asked folks to review it and send her their comments. She also discussed the issue of how counselors use test scores for placement. Some use the students' most recent scores and some combine students' test scores, regardless of when they took the test. We discussed using combined scores within the last year, but we ultimately decided that before we take a position on our preference, Caryn will take this issue back to Assessment and Advising to see what standard is currently used. It may not be an issue at all.

Jeanne Chaltain, Prompts discussion—Jeanne discussed the prompts for WS1 and WS2. After much debate, it was determined that the diagnostic for WS1 will be Traits of a Friend, Exit Essay I will be a prompt on courage, and Exit Essay II prompt was undetermined. We will continue to test the WS2 prompts that are currently being used. Lastly, we have decided, by a large

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majority, that we will not require students to underline their topic sentences on the PF scale, so be sure that the PF scale you use reflects this change.

Frank Cronin, Calibration session—Because of our lengthy discussion on prompts, we had a short calibration session, but there will be opportunities for more.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Brown Bag Workshops, spring 2012, 1-3:00 p.m. Be sure to bring your lunch and earn two hours of professional development training!

Adjunct Information, Stacey Stover

- Friday, January 27
- HBC 411

Calibration Session, Frank Cronin

- Friday, March 30th
- HBC 411

Faculty Coach meeting, Caryn Newburger

- Friday, February 24th
- HBC 411

Calibration Session, Frank Cronin

- Friday, April 27th
- HBC 410

Absent: Laura Ore, Louella Tate, Ashley Williams